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Via hand delivery

RE:

Petition for Arbitration by ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Docket No. 99-00430

Dear Mr. Waddell:

We regret to inform the Authority that after numerous negotiating sessions, the parties have reached a clear impasse on the issues which were the subject of our letter of March 13, 2000. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 252 of the Act, we respectfully request that the Authority release its arbitration decision as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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